[29th September 1958

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The particulars are as follows in respect of the Madras Branch of the Madras State Transport Department :—

	1955–56.	1956–57.	1957–58.
	NP.	NP.	NP.
(a) Earning per mile ..	113	120	124
(b) Cost per mile	98	100	111
(c) Net profit ..	20,77,425	26,6[illegible],334	37,90,700

The figures for 1957–58 are provisional and subject to audit.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : Sir, may I know the reasons for the rise in cost per mile and also the reason for the decline in profit?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The higher cost of maintenance and the addition of new vehicles are the reasons for the decline in profit.

Jeeps enquiry

* 630 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Special Officer for Jeeps Enquiry?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The Special Officer for Jeeps Enquiry made five recommendations. His recommendation relating to the constitution of *ad hoc* committees to examine the case for retrenchment of vehicles department by department has been implemented. Action is being taken on the recommendations of those committees. The other recommendations of the Special Officer are still under examinations in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned and Departments of Secretariat.

Sinking of and repairs to irrigation wells under the Minor Irrigation Scheme

* 28 *S.N. Q.*—SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether at the Food Ministers' Conference held at Bangalore on the 14th and 15th of November 1957, a proposal for the grant of subsidy under the Minor Irrigation Scheme for the sinking of new irrigation wells and repairs to old irrigatino wells was considered; and

(*b*) if so, how and when is it proposed to be implemented by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise. I may, however, inform the hon. Member that the question of reviving the Well Subsidy Scheme is engaging the attention of Government.

SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIYAR : *சென்ற வருஷம் சில பகுதி களில் வெல் ஸப்ஸிடி ஸ்கீம் அமல் நடத்தப்பட்டது. மானியத் துகை வராததால் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்ட பல கிணறுகளுக்கு துகை கொடுக்கப்பட வில்லை. ஆகவே இந்த வருஷமாவது அப்படிப்பட்ட கிணறுகளுக்கு மான்யத்தை கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ?*